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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV ARRIVES IN SOFIA

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1. CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS (REFTEL) THAT BREZHNEV WOULD ARRIVE OVER WEEKEND, CROWDS GATHERED THIS MORNING TO HAIL HIS ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 18 (TODAY). EMPHASIS IN CENTRAL PRESS IS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND AWARD OF MEDAL AS "HERO OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA" APPEARS TO BE PEG ON WHICH TO HANG VISIT.

2. COMMENT: PRESS PLAY IS NOT QUITE AS LARGE AS WE MIGHT EXPECT (NEWS OF ARRIVAL AND BREZHNEV BIO, FOR EXAMPLE, IS GIVEN EQUAL TREATMENT IN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" WITH ZHIVKOV'S OPENING OF WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY YESTERDAY IN VARNNA.) VISIT ALSO HAS SOME EARMARKS OF BEING QUICKLY ARRANGED AND AS OF 8:00AM WORKERS WERE STILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HURRIEDLY HANGING SOVIET FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

OTHER SLIGHT SHIFT IN EMPHASIS IS FACT THAT LITTLE OR
NO MENTION IS MADE OF BREZHNEV'S VISITS TO US, FRANCE AND
FRG IN STORIES ON VISIT. IN RECENT MONTHS, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING
PODGORNY VISIT IN JULY, IT HAS BECOME MANDATORY TO
MENTION THESE VISITS AS EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS OF BREZHNEV'S
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRESS OF SOCIALISM.
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